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FIG Council and FIG Director

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## Supporting Prof. Jixian ZHANG to Compete for the Vice President of FIG

Dear FIG Council and FIG Director,

It is truly my pleasure to write this letter to provide my strongest support of the nomination of Prof. Jixian Zhang from National Quality Inspection and Testing Center for Surveying and Mapping Products (QICS) for Vice President of FIG. I have been in acquaintance with Prof. Jixian Zhang since he joined Chinese Academy of Surveying and Mapping (CASM), the top and biggest comprehensive scientific research institution on surveying and mapping in China as a professor in 1997 and he was subsequently promoted to the rank of the general director of CASM in 2006. I am deeply impressed with his leading ability, pioneer research, and fine personal attributes.

Prof. Jixian Zhang is a chief leading scientist in surveying mapping and geoinformation in China, elected initially to "National program for special support of eminent professionals", titled with "National Excellent Scientist", "National Outstanding Professional and Technical Personnel", "Scientific Leading Talent of National Administration of Surveying Mapping and Geoinformation", and presided 50+ national scientific projects. He has won 5 prestigious National Award and 8 Provincial Award of Science and Technology progress of China, one Geospatial World Excellence Awards, and 20 items of patent for invention, having collaborative published over 330 articles in reputation journals and 7 books. He also devote himself in international cooperation and academic exchanges, for instance, he has organizing 15 international conference/workshop and making 60+ international invited presentations, especially as a keynote speaker in general meeting in FIG 2016 Working Week in Christchurch. He is extremely enthusiastic in furthering and promoting the geomatics profession in the community both locally and overseas, for example, he is the Chair of ISPRS WG VII/6, Vice President of Chinese society for Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation, Chinese Society for Land Science.

Besides his achievement in the geomatics profession, he has shown enormous management and leadership abilities. He is a born leader equipped with integrity, commitment, dedication, decisiveness, accountability, foresight and aspiration. He always motivates and cares for his staff and has successfully established an excellent team spirit with his colleagues. Coupled with his righteousness and fairness, he has earned the trust and respect from his staff. He is resourceful in coping with work pressure and managing crisis while

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maintaining his composure and performance. Through his obliging and modest character and excellent communication and linguistic skills, he communicated efficiently with his counterparts. He can resolve contentious issues in a tactful manner thereby reaching an amicable solution between parties concerned.

Consequently Prof. Jixian Zhang is overwhelmed with passion in all the work he assumed and always comes up with outstanding results. He is full of initiatives and innovation, has tremendous confidence in all his undertaking and makes critical and acute judgment. He is reliable and can be entrusted with any challenging assignment.

I make the highest recommendation to the nomination of Prof. Jixian Zhang for the Vice President of FIG. CSSMG will give its full support for Prof. Jixian ZHANG to play an actively leading role in FIG. I have every confidence that he will make great contribution to the FIG work and surveyor profession worldwide.

Kind Regards.

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